

Jim E. Hamilton Correctional Center



Jim E. Hamilton Correctional Center (JEHCC) is located in Hodgen on the northern edge of the Ouachita National Forest and houses more than 700 male inmates. In 1998, ODOC renamed it in honor of the state senator instrumental in acquiring the site for the state.



Education

JEHCC offers literacy courses as well as Pre-High School Equivalency and High School Equivalency diplomas. College courses (not provided through state funding) are also available to inmates who can pay for them or those who have alternative funding or scholarships.



CareerTech

JEHCC has the largest correctional vocational training program in the state. The CareerTech program includes six vocational classes: Construction Technology, Electrical Trades Technology, Welding, Engine Performance, Steering/Suspension/Brakes, and Transmission Repair.



Substance Abuse Education

JEHCC has more than 130 volunteers of various faiths who participate in many different religious, educational, and substance abuse education programs, such as Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous. These programs are scheduled seven days a week.



Criminal Thinking

JEHCC offers Thinking for a Change; Victim Impact; Anger Management; Building Social Networks; Ideas for Better Communications; Seeking Safety; Unlock Your Thinking, Open Your Mind; Common Sense Ideas for HIV Prevention; and Sexual Health.



JEHCC was originally the home of the Civilian Conservation Corps. It opened as a prison in 1971, receiving its first inmates as "Camp Hodgen." The name changed in 1973 to Ouachita Correctional Center.



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